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# Mary Potter Thacher Higginson Correspondence

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Mrs. Thomas Wentworth Higginson 1844-1941

Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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HIGGINSON, Mrs. Thomas Wentworth

Born at Machias, November 26, 1855

June 13, 1928

Mrs. Thomas Wentworth Higginson  
29 Buckingham Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Higginson:

I am sure, as a Maine born woman, you will be very much interested in a state author's collection which we are establishing in the State Library at Augusta.

We enclose a library bulletin in which there is a story of this Maine author collection.

We understand you have written and edited the following books:

Sea Shore and Prairie.

The Playmate Hour.

Life of Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

a collection of poetry, "Such as they are," written in collaboration with your husband

"Room for one more"

It will be a very great favor if you will send us for the State of Maine author's collection a copy of each of your books autographed. In addition to the autograph, many of the authors have added a note where there was anything of special importance in connection with the title, the place of writing, or any special incident in connection with the publication. These books will not be circulated, but will be kept for the use of students and research workers and people who are interested in seeing such a collection.

The only ground of course, upon which we could make such a request as this, is that you were born in Maine and that this collection is for the State. We will be very glad to have you send a bill with the books.

Very truly yours,

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after June 25, my address will  
be Hornewood, 29 BUCKINGHAM STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS Yarmouth, Me.

June 15. 1928

Mr. H. E. Dunnack,

Dear Sir,

I shall be  
glad to comply with your re-  
quest as far as I am able.  
The early books, "Seashore & Prairie"  
and "Room for the Udder" are  
now out of print. "The Playmate  
Hours" contains all of my  
verses which were printed  
with my husband's in "Such  
as they Are". I will send you



a copy of "Playmate Hours,"  
and one of the biography  
of Col. Higginson. I will also  
send to the publishers for a  
copy of "Letters & Journals" of  
S. W. H. edited by myself, and  
add to the others. I am  
afraid this is the best I can do.

Yours with best wishes  
for the success of your very  
interesting undertaking,

Mary S. Higginson

July 10, 1928

Mrs. Thomas Wentworth Higginson  
29 Buckingham Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Higginson:

We have received your letter of June 15th with its message of appreciation and interest in our collection of the books of Maine born authors.

We have received the following books from you:

Thomas Wentworth Higginson  
The Playmate Hour  
Seashore and Prairie  
Room for one more.

I understand that "Letters and Journals," will come later.

I wish to send you the sincere thanks of the State of Maine for these books. They are an invaluable addition to our collection.

Very truly yours,

HED:ME

August 2, 1928

Mrs. Thomas Wentworth Higginson  
29 Buckingham Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Higginson:

We have just received your presentation copy of "Letters and Journals of Thomas Wentworth Higginson."

We wish you might see this growing Maine collection of books by authors born within the State. I am very sure it would give you very great pleasure. We send you many many thanks for your courtesy in helping us complete the collection.

Under separate cover we are sending you the latest four library bulletins.

Very truly yours

HED:ME



August 27, 1929

Mrs. Mary P. Thatcher Higginson  
29 Buckingham Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Higginson:

I noted in the Publisher's Weekly of August 17th that you have published a collection of verse recently. We are very anxious to have this for our Maine Author Collection.

The collection continues to grow. We have nearly all the works of Maine born authors on our shelves.

The last Legislature passed a resolve in favor of the new State Library. Therefore, we are looking forward to having a special room for our Maine authors collection. We hope that some day we may have the privilege of having you visit our State Library, and see the splendid collection of books that has been assembled.

Very truly yours

HD/S

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October 17, 1929

Mrs. Thomas Wentworth Higginson,  
29 Buckingham Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Higginson;-

Thank you very much for the charming addition to the Maine Author Collection which we have just received from you. Your devotion to your native state is well known and I am glad that your interest in Maine includes the Maine State Library.

Very truly yours,